GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ISI MARK ON BISCUITS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a majority of the leading of Glucose biscuits produced in the country do not carry the BIS mark and conceal the important information regarding their nutritional contents;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Certification of biscuits against IS 1011:1992 is not mandatory. Therefore, the manufacturers of various brands of biscuit are not required to obtain certification marks licence for manufacturing biscuits. There are only 66 BIS licensees for biscuits in the country and Bureau of Indian Standards through its Scheme of Testing and Inspection ensuresthat its licensees adhere to the specifications prescribed in the relevant Indian Standard.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.